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## AMENDMENT C AND REPLY TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 30, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2007, which set a three-month deadline for reply, *i.e.*, by February 29, 2007, and this paper is being submitted within two months of that deadline, *i.e.*, by April 30, 2007. Applicant Petitions the Commissioner for a Two Month Extension of Time and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to deduct the appropriate fee from Nixon Peabody LLP Deposit Account No. 50-4181, Order No. 247171-000252USPT. Thus, this response is filed timely.

Please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 21 of this paper.

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